

9 FAM Appendix O
1600 VALIDITY OF FORM I-590,
REGISTRATION FOR CLASSIFICATION AS
REFUGEE

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In general, a refugee must be admitted to the United States within four months of the date that the Form I-590, *Registration for Classification as Refugee*, was approved by an INS officer and all other processing requirements were completed (medical examination, any ineligibilities waived, and sponsorship assured). (There is no time limit, however, for cases from the former Soviet Union.) If the refugee is unable to travel within four months of final approval for admission, the consular officer should request an extension from the INS office *abroad* having jurisdiction over the case.